often several people miss consequential promotion all along the heirarchical strata. Keeping in mind these general guidelines various Ministries/Departments are competent to grant re-employment in service to Government employees working in and under them. Similarly PSUs are competent to grant re-employment. Information about the number of retired employees who are on re-employment at present is not available centrally in this Department. No survey has been carried out in this regard.

Defects in the Flat in IIT, Delhi

2170. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that serious defects have been noticed in the flats constructed for Professors and Lecturers of IIT, Delhi by Government agency ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's proposals to remove these defects to avoid any risk to the future occupants of these flats, the total cost involved and whether the construction agency has agreed to clear the cost ;

(c) whether Government are aware that about half a dozen Engineers, both from IIT and the construction agency who were actively associated with this project have recently been promoted by their employers instead of taking stern action against them ; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA) : (a) Some defects have come to the notice of III, Delhi in the flats for Professors and Lecturers under construction by National Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC). These defects are minor/routine as per specification of Book/Code of the Central Public Works Department (CPWD).

(b) Defects noticed are Honeycombing, Inadequate Cover, Bulging of Concrete and some mis-alignment in columns which have been conveyed to NBCC for rectification as per terms and conditions of the agreement. NBCC has assured that there is no risk to future occupants of the flats. However, guniting is being carried out by them for further strengthening a few columns to eliminate the elements of risk altogether. The cost will be 1% of the total contract value to be borne. by Construction Agency as per terms and conditions of agreement.

(c) and (d). No IIT Engineer associated with the Project has been promoted since the award of the Project. NBCC has informed that three of their engineers were promoted in normal course and the above did not tentamount to an impending factor in their promotion.

Number of Pensioners in the Country

2171. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of Central Government pensioners in the country ; and

(b) what is the annual financial commitment therefrom ?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH) : (a) The system of sanction and payment of pension operates on a decentralised basis. The information relating to the exact number of Central Government pensioners is, therefore, not available. On a rough estimates, as on 1.1.1988, there were

approximately 17 lakh retired Central Government employees in receipt of pension under the various pension rules applicable to Central Government employees including those in Railways and Armed Forces of India.

(b) The Budget Estimates for the year 1990-91 provide a sum of Rs. 3104 crores for meeting expenditure on payment of pension and other retirement benefits.

Complaints Against Corruption

2172. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of complaints received in the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances upto March 31, 1990 regarding rruption ; and
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(b) what action has been taken against the concerned person ?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH) : (a) and (b). The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances received between the 1st January, 1989 and the 31st December, 1989. 419 complaints of corruption and malpractices. During the first three months of 1990 it has received 52 complaints on the subject. All th se complaints have been sent to the concerned ministries/departments for appropriate action.

Application for Starting Ferro-Silicon Projects

2173. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applications which are pending to start ferro silicon projects;

(b) what are the guidelines issued in this regard; and

(c) what is the stage of consi deration of these proposals ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M.G.K. MENON) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Filling up the Posts of Chairmen-Cum MDs in Public Sector Undertakings

2174. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to asnwer to Unstarrred Question 75 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th March, 1990 and state :

(a) what are the names of Public Sector Undertakings where Posts of Chairmen-cum-Managing Directors have not been filled upto date ;

(b) whether any appraisal/ survey of such Undertakings which are functioning without top posts or otherwise has been undertaken by Government during the last two years; and

(c) if so, what is their credibility and performance reports from investments point of view ?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH) : (a) As per available information, a list of Public Sector Undertakings where the posts of Chairmen-cum-Managing Directors have not been filled is annexed. (*See below*)

(b) No separate appraisal/ survey is conducted of public sector undertakings where posts of Chairmen-cum-Managing Directors have not been filled up. Usually, during such periods, in-charge/arrangements are always made to ensure managerial control.

(c) Does not arise.